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SUBJECT: METHANOL FOR BAHAMASAIR

1. BAHAMASAIR IS RUNNING INTO A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OBTAINING METHANOL REQUIRED FOR INJECTION INTO ITS FH-227 AIRCRAFT ENGINES. METHANOL IS USED FOR TAKEOFF AND CLIMB IN THESE ENGINES. REGULAR SUPPLIER HAS BEEN TEXACO WHO HAS JUST ADVISED THE AIRLINE THAT NO METHANOL IS AVAILABLE. BAHAMASAIR HAS CONTACTED THE EMBASSY TO SEEK OUR HELP IN FINDING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLY ON AN URGENT BASIS. THE AIRLINE REQUIRES APPROX 500 TO 700 GALLONS PER WEEK. THEY CURRENTLY HAVE ONLY A FIVE DAY SUPPLY ON HAND. FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE METHANOL WILL REQUIRE THE GROUNDING OF ITS FH-227 FLEET WHICH PROVIDES INTERNAL SERVICE BETWEEN NASSAU AND OUT ISLANDS, OR AT BEST, SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON THE LOAD TO UNECONOMIC PROPORTIONS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY ASAP.

2. BAHAMASAIR ALSO ASKED EMBASSY IF POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT THE BACKGROUND ON THE PRESENT SHORTAGE. METHANOL IS NOT LISTED IN FEO LIST OF RESTRICTED ITEMS. THE AIRLINE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE LONG RANGE PROSPECTS ARE FOR THE REGULAR SUPPLY OF THIS PRODUCT.
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